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ABSTRACT

The present invention provides techniques to allow person-to-person scheduling of automatic program recording for personalized television. Generally, a first person (called a "scheduler" herein) schedules a program to be recorded by a personalized television recorder controlled by a second person (called a "recipient" herein). It is determined if the scheduler is authorized to scheduler a recording on behalf of the recipient. If so, the program is recorded unless there is a conflict with another program or if other conditions are met.